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TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA PRIORITY

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TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: ILLEGAL WATCH SHIPMENT FROM ZURICH

REFERENCE: ANKARA 2232

AMBASSADOR MACOMBER FROM GENTILE

1. IT IS APPARENT THAT ACTION OF TURKISH CUSTOMS HAS COM-
PROMISED ANY CHANCE OF IDENTIFYING PERSON(S) WHO WOULD
HAVE PICKED UP CONSIGNMENT OF WATCHES IN CUSTODY OF
TURKISH CUSTOMS.

2. SY CONCURS IN ACTIONS YOU HAVE TAKEN IN TRYING TO
IDENTIFY POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. RSO SHOULD CONTINUE INVESTI-
GATION USING ALL SOURCES AVAILABLE. WE PARTICULARLY RECOM-
MEND THAT THE POST REVIEW ITS PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR
CLEARING INCOMING SHIPMENTS OF MATERIAL THROUGH CUSTOMS
AS A POSSIBLE MEANS OF IDENTIFYING SUSPECTS. I.E., WHO
PREPARES PAPERS FOR CLEARANCE OF MATERIAL? WHO IS
AUTHORIZED BY THE EMBASSY TO EXECUTE CLEARANCE DOCUMENTS
TO TURKISH CUSTOMS? IS HIS SIGNATURE AUTHENTICATED? HOW?
WHERE ARE THE AUTHENTICATING STAMPS AND EQUIPMENT KEPT?
BY WHOM SECURED? WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP SHIPMENTS?
WHO DRIVES THE VEHICLES FOR THESE PICK UPS? COULD THIS
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DRIVER OBTAIN CLEARANCE DOCUMENTS?

3. IS THIS THE FIRST INCIDENT IN WHICH SUCH SHIPMENTS TO
THE EMBASSY HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED? DOES THE EMBASSY ACT AS

CLEARANCE AGENT FOR OTHER THAN EMBASSY-ATTACHED U.S.
AGENCIES IN TURKEY?

4. A/SY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A DETAILED NARRATIVE
REPORT OF THIS INVESTIGATION AS IT PROGRESSES.

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